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Personal income and average weekly wages advanced to record high levels in November when employment also increased by about 6,000, according to State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. Manufacturing output and working hours improved during the month and unemployment was up by two-tenths of one percent.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Nonfarm employment reached 1,411,190 in November, with gains in transportation equipment and instrument manufacturing and fabricated metals contributing to the nearly 6,000 monthly increase. In the nonmanufacturing sector, seasonal increases were recorded in wholesale and retail trade employment, while construction was down (page 2).

New contracts and more overtime contributed to higher earnings of factory production workers with the average wage reaching a record $309.12 weekly, up from $301.29 in October, and extended the workweek to 42 hours (page 3). Computed on a straight-time, 40-hour basis, weekly earnings totaled $281.60 at $7.04 hourly, up from October's weekly average of $279.20 at $6.98 per hour. Wages were highest in the Ansonia area at $343.44, followed by Bristol, $333.66; Hartford, $330.72; Middletown, $328.97; New Britain, $323.79 and Bridgeport, $323.57 (page 6).

Unemployment: An increase of 2,800 boosted unemployment two-tenths of one percent to 5.8 in November (page 4). The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment figure of 6.3 once again continued well below the comparable national rate of 7.5 percent. Unemployment increases were recorded in 10 labor market areas and the remaining six had declines. Included in the unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment benefits, others were were ineligible or whose benefits had expired, [illegible] people entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Manufacturing output and the average workweek improved in November when personal income of state residents was at a new record high level. On a seasonally adjusted basis, initial (new) claims for unemployment compensation dropped and new hires in manufacturing increased (page 7).

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A special report, "A Profile of the Labor Force in Connecticut," is attached.

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C O N N E C T I C U T N O N A G R I C U L T U R A L E M P L O Y M E N T

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

	November 1980			% Change Nov. '80 over Oct. '80	% Change Nov. '80 over Nov. '79
	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979		
Total Nonag. Employment.....	1,411,190*	1,405,430*	1,422,700*	+ 0.4	- 0.8
Manufacturing.....	426,090*	425,720*	437,840*	+ 0.1	- 2.7
Metallic Manufacturing..	311,990*	311,740*	319,400*	+ 0.1	- 2.3
Primary Metals.....	17,910	18,070*	22,060*	- 0.9	- 18.8
Fabricated Metals.....	61,860*	61,060*	65,160*	+ 1.3	- 5.1
Machinery, Ex. Elec...	60,560*	61,590	62,410	- 1.7	- 3.0
Electrical Equipment..	46,850*	46,730	49,680*	+ 0.3	- 5.7
Transp. Equip.....	91,590	91,400	87,090*	+ 0.2	+ 5.2
Instruments & Clocks..	25,020	24,880	24,550	+ 0.6	+ 1.9
Other Metallic Mfg....	8,200	8,010	8,450	+ 2.4	- 3.0
Nonmetallic Mfg.....	114,100*	113,980*	118,440*	+ 0.1	- 3.7
Food.....	12,420	12,320	12,690	+ 0.8	- 2.1
Textiles.....	7,370	7,520	9,150	- 2.0	- 19.4
Apparel.....	10,900	10,990	11,250	- 0.8	- 3.1
Furniture & Lumber....	6,910	6,820	6,760	+ 1.3	+ 2.2
Paper.....	9,150	9,260	9,250	- 1.2	- 1.1
Printing & Publishing.	24,080	23,970*	24,490*	+ 0.5	- 1.7
Chemicals.....	17,600	17,630	17,550*	- 0.2	+ 0.3
Rubber & Misc. Plast..	12,240*	12,250*	13,100	- 0.1	- 6.6
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.	13,430	13,220	14,200	+ 1.6	- 5.4
Nonmanufacturing.....	985,100*	979,710*	984,860*	+ 0.6	+ 0.0**
Construction.....	49,720	50,310*	54,240	- 1.2	- 8.3
Trans. (Inc. R.R.)....	33,590	33,620	34,680	- 0.1	- 3.1
Communications.....	17,910	17,840	17,260	+ 0.4	+ 3.8
Utilities.....	10,780	10,890	11,040	- 1.0	- 2.4
Trade.....	306,590*	301,960*	305,960	+ 1.5	+ 0.2
Wholesale.....	76,390*	75,760*	74,380	+ 0.8	+ 2.7
Retail.....	163,270	159,300	164,680	+ 2.5	- 0.9
Restaurants.....	66,930	66,900	66,900	+ 0.0**	+ 0.0**
Finance & Real Estate.	45,210	45,070	43,990	+ 0.3	+ 2.8
Insurance.....	58,240	58,020	56,590	+ 0.4	+ 2.9
Service.....	280,940	281,120	278,460*	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Hotels.....	6,290	6,460	6,570	- 2.6	- 4.3
Laund. & Pers. Serv.	14,020	13,970	14,450	+ 0.4	- 3.0
Health Services.....	93,780	93,250	91,150*	+ 0.6	+ 2.9
Law & Professional..	19,610	19,500	18,780	+ 0.6	+ 4.4
Other Services.....	147,240	147,940	147,510	- 0.5	- 0.2
Government.....	182,120	180,880	182,640	+ 0.7	- 0.3
Federal.....	22,090	21,900	21,340	+ 0.9	+ 3.5
State & Local.....	160,030	158,980	161,300	+ 0.7	- 0.8

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** Less than 0.05 percent

E A R N I N G S A N D H O U R S - N O V E M B E R 1 9 8 0

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979	Nov. 1980	Oct. 1980	Nov. 1979
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$309.12	$301.29	$286.09	42.0	41.5	42.7	$7.36	$7.26	$6.70
Metallic Manufacturing.....	321.72	312.57	298.77	42.5	41.9	43.3	7.57	7.46	6.90
Primary Metals.....	335.20	328.92	338.92	41.9	41.9	45.8	8.00	7.85	7.40
Fabricated Metals.....	289.59	279.30	265.17	42.4	41.5	42.7	6.83	6.73	6.21
Machinery.....	349.31	336.90	334.35	43.5	42.7	45.0	8.03	7.89	7.43
Electrical Equipment.....	247.46	244.82	229.63	40.5	40.6	41.3	6.11	6.03	5.56
Transportation Equipment..	380.57	363.66	349.97	43.1	41.8	43.1	8.83	8.70	8.12
Instruments and Clocks....	298.28	296.04	262.05	43.8	43.6	43.1	6.81	6.79	6.08
Other Metallic Mfg.....	256.63	254.62	240.69	40.8	41.2	42.3	6.29	6.18	5.69
Nonmetallic Manufacturing...	274.86	272.02	251.33	40.6	40.6	41.0	6.77	6.70	6.13
Food.....	301.07	302.94	286.88	41.7	41.9	42.5	7.22	7.23	6.75
Textiles.....	215.44	221.39	214.76	39.1	40.4	41.7	5.51	5.48	5.15
Apparel.....	169.20	169.67	159.36	36.0	36.1	36.3	4.70	4.70	4.39
Lumber & Furniture.....	227.05	225.07	214.35	40.4	40.7	41.3	5.62	5.53	5.19
Paper.....	341.71	351.18	318.09	45.5	46.7	46.1	7.51	7.52	6.90
Printing and Publishing...	276.72	268.96	247.36	37.7	37.2	36.7	7.34	7.23	6.74
Chemicals.....	341.51	334.91	317.34	41.8	41.5	43.0	8.17	8.07	7.38
Rubber & Misc. Plastics...	277.12	268.46	248.53	41.3	40.8	41.7	6.71	6.58	5.96
Other Nonmetallic Mfg.....	296.96	290.79	255.36	43.1	42.7	42.0	6.89	6.81	6.08
Construction.....	467.60	456.51	410.89	40.0	39.8	38.8	11.69	11.47	10.59

U N E M P L O Y M E N T I N C O N N E C T I C U T B Y A R E A

	Nov. 1980 Number	Nov. 1980 Ratio to Labor Force	Oct. 1980 Number	Oct. 1980 Ratio to Labor Force	Nov. 1979 (R) Number	Nov. 1979 (R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*-Actual.....	93,000	5.8	90,200	5.6	75,600	4.8
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(6.3)		(6.2)		(5.2)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,400	8.4	1,600	9.6	1,400	7.9
Bridgeport.....	11,900	6.0	11,900	6.1	9,900	5.1
Bristol.....	3,100	8.6	3,300	9.0	1,900	5.1
Danbury.....	5,000	5.7	4,800	5.4	4,400	5.0
Danielson.....	2,800	9.0	2,600	8.3	2,300	7.4
Hartford.....	20,000	5.1	18,600	4.8	15,400	4.0
Meriden.....	2,200	8.4	2,000	7.8	1,500	5.6
Middletown.....	2,900	4.8	2,800	4.6	2,900	4.7
New Britain.....	4,200	5.6	4,600	6.1	3,700	5.1
New Haven.....	14,000	6.6	13,200	6.3	10,600	5.2
New London-Norwich.....	5,900	5.7	6,300	6.1	5,600	5.4
Norwalk.....	3,500	4.5	3,000	3.9	2,800	3.7
Stamford.....	4,600	3.7	4,800	3.9	4,200	3.5
Torrington.....	2,900	7.2	2,700	6.6	2,400	5.9
Waterbury.....	7,400	6.8	6,900	6.4	5,700	5.2
Willimantic.....	1,200	4.9	1,100	4.6	900	3.6
U.S. Total-Actual.....7,486,000		7.1	7,482,000	7.1	5,776,000	5.6
Seasonally Adjusted.....	---	(7.5)	---	(7.6)	---	(5.8)

*State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
(R) Revised

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967=100)

	Nov. '80	Oct. '80	Nov. '79
All Items.....	256.2	253.9	227.5
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.9	+12.6

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Nov.'80	Oct.'80	Nov.'79 (R)	Percent Change to November 1980 from: Oct.'80	Nov.'79
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,530	8,490	8,880	+ 0.5	- 3.9
Manufacturing	3,260	3,250	3,510	+ 0.3	- 7.1
Nonmanufacturing	5,270	5,240	5,370	+ 0.6	- 1.9
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	171,140	170,260	166,850*	+ 0.5	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	64,750	64,740	65,200*	0.0	- 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	106,390	105,520	101,650	+ 0.8	+ 4.7
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	23,550	23,710	25,280	- 0.7	- 6.8
Manufacturing	10,140	10,340	12,160	- 1.9	- 16.6
Nonmanufacturing	13,410	13,370	13,120	+ 0.3	+ 2.2
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	63,320*	63,040	62,380	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	21,090*	20,990	20,760	+ 0.5	+ 1.6
Nonmanufacturing	42,230	42,050	41,620	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,270	21,450	21,800*	- 0.8	- 2.4
Manufacturing	10,200	10,340	10,720*	- 1.4	- 4.9
Nonmanufacturing	11,070	11,110	11,080	- 0.4	- 0.1
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	401,910*	400,710*	394,460*	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	98,900*	98,870*	97,090*	0.0	+ 1.9
Nonmanufacturing	303,010	301,840	297,370*	+ 0.4	+ 1.9
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	20,840	20,650	22,010	+ 0.9	- 5.3
Manufacturing	5,440	5,350	6,010	+ 1.7	- 9.5
Nonmanufacturing	15,400	15,300	16,000	+ 0.7	- 3.8
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	47,880*	47,500*(R)	48,130	+ 0.8	- 0.5
Manufacturing	15,810	15,890 (R)	16,810	- 0.5	- 5.9
Nonmanufacturing	32,070*	31,610*	31,320	+ 1.5	+ 2.4
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	61,920*	62,300*	62,960	- 0.6	- 1.7
Manufacturing	27,630*	28,070*	29,770	- 1.6	- 7.2
Nonmanufacturing	34,290	34,230	33,190	+ 0.2	+ 3.3
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	196,120*	194,890*	189,380*	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
Manufacturing	42,170	41,740*	45,670*	+ 1.0	- 7.7
Nonmanufacturing	153,950*	153,150	143,710	+ 0.5	+ 7.1
NEW LONDON-NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	91,580	91,010	87,280*	+ 0.6	+ 4.9
Manufacturing	34,770	34,300	32,160*	+ 1.4	+ 8.1
Nonmanufacturing	56,810	56,710	55,120	+ 0.2	+ 3.1
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	64,510	64,230	61,910	+ 0.4	+ 4.2
Manufacturing	20,610	20,770	19,930	+ 0.2	+ 4.4
Nonmanufacturing	43,700	43,460	41,980	+ 0.6	+ 4.1

AREA TRENDS IN EMPLOYMENT

Area	Nov.'80	Oct.'80	Nov.'79 (R)	Percent Change to November 1980 from: Oct.'80	Nov.'79
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	110,200	109,390	107,390	+ 0.7	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	31,590	31,460	31,130	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	78,610	77,930	76,260	+ 0.9	+ 3.1
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	29,190	29,290	29,700	- 0.3	- 1.7
Manufacturing	10,350	10,490	10,900	- 1.3	- 5.0
Nonmanufacturing	18,840	18,800	18,800	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	88,120	87,520	90,590*	+ 0.7	- 2.7
Manufacturing	31,090	30,860	34,110*	+ 0.7	- 8.9
Nonmanufacturing	57,030	56,660	56,480	+ 0.7	+ 1.0
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	19,540	19,380	19,550*	+ 0.8	- 0.1
Manufacturing	2,780	2,700	3,000*	+ 3.0	- 7.3
Nonmanufacturing	16,760	16,680	16,550	+ 0.5	+ 1.3

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
(R) Revised
Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA - NOVEMBER 1980

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov.'80	Oct.'80	Nov.'79	Nov.'80	Oct.'80	Nov.'79	Nov.'80	Oct.'80	Nov.'79
Ansonia	$343.44	$329.60	$377.22	42.4	41.2	48.3	$8.10	$8.00	$7.81
Bridgeport	323.57	315.23	301.09	42.8	42.2	43.7	7.56	7.47	6.89
Bristol	333.66	323.08	332.73	40.2	39.4	41.8	8.30	8.20	7.96
Danbury	300.59	295.91	273.44	44.4	44.1	44.9	6.77	6.71	6.09
Danielson	236.37	236.25	217.55	37.4	37.5	37.9	6.32	6.30	5.74
Hartford	330.72	324.59	315.92	42.4	42.1	43.1	7.80	7.71	7.33
Meriden	252.85	257.11	247.38	38.9	39.8	42.0	6.50	6.46	5.89
Middletown	328.97	316.31	286.23	41.8	40.5	40.6	7.87	7.81	7.05
New Britain	323.79	310.06	303.46	43.0	41.9	43.6	7.53	7.40	6.96
New Haven	282.91	282.80	281.63	40.3	40.4	41.6	7.02	7.00	6.77
New London-Norwich	316.76	303.62	276.17	41.9	40.7	40.2	7.56	7.46	6.87
Norwalk	313.60	313.69	267.01	44.8	45.2	43.7	7.00	6.94	6.11
Stamford	285.65	284.69	282.91	41.1	41.2	42.8	6.95	6.91	6.61
Torrington	230.11	223.51	207.67	40.3	39.7	40.8	5.71	5.63	5.09
Waterbury	259.36	255.23	249.37	41.9	41.5	42.7	6.19	6.15	5.84
Willimantic	263.12	267.89	222.16	44.0	45.1	44.7	5.98	5.94	4.97

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay to the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		New Hire Rate Manufacturing		Avg. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1979								
Jan....	1364.8	1384.8	2.3	2.5	7391	5292	5.6	5.1
Feb....	1363.2	1391.1	2.0	2.5	4768	4921	5.7	5.2
Mar....	1378.0	1397.7	2.1	2.3	3725	4346	5.5	5.1
Apr....	1394.7	1392.6	2.0	2.2	4722	5342	5.2	5.2
May....	1403.4	1393.3	2.5	2.2	3492	4602	4.8	5.0
Jun....	1419.4	1394.1	2.7	2.2	4744	5624	5.3	5.2
Jul....	1406.4	1415.4	2.2	2.3	9180	5741	5.5	5.3
Aug....	1398.9	1409.5	2.6	2.2	4055	4714	4.9	4.9
Sep....	1412.6	1405.2	2.6	2.1	3369	5287	4.7	5.2
Oct....	1414.7	1405.6	2.5	2.2	3915	5347	4.7	5.2
Nov....	1422.7	1409.6	2.1	2.4	4386	5671	4.8	5.2
Dec....	1432.0	1414.1	1.4	2.2	9830	5720	5.0	5.3
1980								
Jan....	1401.2	1421.1	2.0	2.2	7301	5388	6.0	5.5
Feb....	1397.7	1426.2	1.9	2.3	4513	4615	5.5	5.0
Mar....	1404.7	1424.6	2.1	2.3	3752	4393	5.1	4.7
Apr....	1411.1	1409.7	1.7	1.9	5179	5754	4.9	4.9
May....	1415.0	1405.2	1.9	1.7	4807	6594	5.0	5.2
Jun....	1417.8	1392.7	2.1	1.6	6289	7338	5.9	5.8
Jul....	1395.8	1404.2	1.1	1.1	9917	6289	6.2	5.9
Aug....	1386.5	1397.7	1.5	1.2	6643	7540	6.1	6.1
Sep....	1403.4	1396.4	1.8	1.4	4175	6384	5.8	6.4
Oct....	1405.4	1397.0	1.6	1.4	4256	5994	5.6	6.2
Nov....	1411.2	1398.6	1.5(P)	1.7(P)	4464	5738	5.8	6.3
Dec....								

	Personal Income Millions	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1979							
Jan....	$2434.8	10553	12428	42.7	42.8	114.3	110.6
Feb....	2473.2	6062	7502	42.5	42.7	114.4	111.0
Mar....	2483.8	14979	14335	42.6	42.6	116.0	113.1
Apr....	2487.7	12418	13526	40.7	41.1	111.6	109.8
May....	2503.7	15163	13235	41.5	41.7	113.1	111.5
Jun....	2523.7	13662	10981	41.8	41.7	114.9	111.6
Jul....	2558.3	12409	10230	41.6	41.7	99.5	112.2
Aug....	2577.6	10027	8641	41.4	41.9	100.2	112.7
Sep....	2592.5	8234	10365	41.9	41.9	113.8	110.6
Oct....	2605.1	10676	10932	42.2	42.0	116.5	112.3
Nov....	2631.4	12498	13943	42.7	42.3	119.2	113.7
Dec....	2652.3	9863	10506	42.9	42.3	109.0	113.7
1980							
Jan....	2672.8	8969	10564	42.6	42.6	121.1	117.2
Feb....	2702.4	8265	10229	42.2	42.4	120.6	117.0
Mar....	2706.0	13194	12650	42.2	42.2	121.9	118.8
Apr....	2686.4	9931	10818	41.9	42.3	121.2	119.3
May....	2696.9	9875	8617	41.8	42.0	120.0	118.3
Jun....	2704.1	9868	7932	41.6	41.5	118.8	115.3
Jul....	2747.7	9564	7885	41.3	41.4	100.7	113.5
Aug....	2766.3	9916	8548	41.3	41.8	100.4	112.9
Sep....	2786.4	9781	12319	41.3	41.3	116.2	112.9
Oct....	2799.0	10032	10268	41.5	41.3	117.4	113.2
Nov....	2810.3	8060	8996	42.0	41.5	120.2	114.7
Dec....							

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A PROFILE OF THE LABOR FORCE IN CONNECTICUT

Each year the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics prepares state-level summaries from the findings of the nationwide Current Population Survey. For most of the smaller states, this data, which is presented as annual averages, represents the only current information available on labor force participation and unemployment rates by sex and race. The data for Connecticut which appears in this report was taken from unpublished tabulations made available by the Bureau earlier this year. The data will subsequently appear in published form in the Bureau's Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment - 1979, shortly to be released.

Based on this data, and on average for the year, the Connecticut labor force expanded by 69,000 between 1978 and 1979 with employment making up the bulk (67,000) of the rise. The size of the noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over increased by 35,000, while improved economic conditions influenced a favorable rise in the labor force participation rate from 65.1 per hundred in the working age population in 1978 to 67 per hundred in 1979. Statewide unemployment rose by 2,000 over the year, but because of the expanded labor force the unemployment rate fell by one-tenth of a percent.

An occupational breakdown of the employed workers for 1979 shows 55.6 percent in white-collar jobs, 31.6 percent in blue-collar occupations and 12.5 percent employed in service work. White-collar jobs employed 47.2 percent of Connecticut's male workers and 66.6 percent of its female workers. Women have made some progress up the ladder from clerical occupations this year, but not as much as males. The largest single segment of white-collar female workers is still found in the clerical occupations, accounting for 34.7 percent (35.1 last year) of all women employed. Among their male counterparts only 5.6 percent (6.7 last year) were at work in the clerical field. The majority of male white collar workers were employed in professional jobs (19.3 percent) or as managers and administrators (15.4 percent) A like percentage of women (19.3 percent) were employed as professionals, but only 5.1 percent were managers and administrators.

Significant changes in the occupational distribution of black workers was also reflected in the 1979 findings with 43.7 percent employed in white-collar work as compared with a year-earlier rate of 38.2 percent. In 1978 nearly 42 percent of the black workers in the state were employed in blue-collar work while in 1979 only 30.9 percent were employed in that grouping.

The size of Connecticut's youth population ages 16 to 19 rose by 33,000 over the year which also saw 27,000 of this age cohort join the ranks of the employed. Youth unemployment rose by 3,000 during this time span but because of the expanded labor force the youth unemployment rate declined from 16 percent to 14.9 percent.

Unemployment as a total percentage showed little movement in the state over the year, posting a one-tenth of a percent decline on an annual average basis. Significant changes were reported in the composition of the unemployed, however, particularly in the rates for minorities. The number of all unemployed men declined by 0.3 percent from 1978, but the rate of unemployment for black males shot up from 6.9 to 15.3 percent. Among black women the unemployment rate showed a small decline from 14.9 to 13.4 percent. Because of the small size of the estimating cells for these subgroups, however, the shifts from year to year must be viewed with caution. For black men, for example, the Bureau notes that within the error range at the 90-percent confidence level the unemployment rate in 1979 could vary from 9.8 to 20.8 percent, while the error range of rate for black men in the 1978 survey ranged from 2.8 to 11.0 percent.

TABLE I

LABOR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONAL POPULATION
16 YEARS AND OVER BY SEX, AGE, AND RACE
1978-1979 ANNUAL AVERAGES
(Numbers in Thousands)

	Civilian Noninstitutional Population (16 years and over)		Civilian Labor Force				Employment		Unemployment			
			Number		Participation Rate		Number		Number		Rate	
	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978	1979	1978
TOTAL	2,358	2,323	1,581	1,512	67.0	65.1	1,500	1,433	81	79	5.1	5.2
Men	1,113	1,108	887	865	79.7	78.1	848	829	39	36	4.3	4.6
Women	1,245	1,215	694	647	55.7	53.3	652	604	42	43	6.1	6.7
Men (20 Years and Over)	990	1,006	807	804	81.5	79.9	779	777	27	27	3.3	3.4
Women (20 Years and Over)	1,129	1,111	621	583	55.0	52.5	589	552	31	31	5.0	5.3
Both Sexes (16-19 Years)	239	206	154	125	64.4	60.7	131	104	23	20	14.9	16.0
WHITE	2,210	2,180	1,476	1,415	66.8	64.9	1,411	1,346	66	68	4.5	4.8
Men	1,051	1,049	838	820	79.7	78.2	807	787	31	33	3.7	4.0
Women	1,159	1,131	638	595	55.0	52.6	603	559	35	36	5.4	6.0
Men (20 Years and Over)	942	956	765	762	81.2	79.7	743	736	22	25	2.9	3.3
Women (20 Years and Over)	1,053	1,033	569	535	54.0	51.8	543	508	25	27	4.4	5.0
Both Sexes (16-19 Years)	215	191	143	118	66.5	61.8	124	101	19	17	13.3	14.4
BLACK AND OTHER	148	143	104	98	70.3	68.5	89	87	15	11	14.3	11.2
Men	62	58	48	46	77.4	78.0	41	42	7	3	15.3	6.9
Women	86	84	56	52	65.1	61.9	48	44	7	8	13.4	14.9
Men (20 Years and Over)	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Women (20 Years and Over)	76	77	52	48	68.4	62.3	46	42	6	6	11.5	12.5
Both Sexes (16-19 Years)	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA

INA-Information not available. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics generally does not publish estimates for specific subgroups if the subgroup has a civilian labor force of less than 50,000 or if the Bureau determines that the statistical error for the group is excessive.

Source: Data for 1978 were taken from the Geographic Profile of Employment and Unemployment: States, 1978, BLS Report 571, and 1979 data were taken from draft tables from the 1979 Geographic Profile tables 1, 4, and 5.

TABLE II

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
OCCUPATIONAL DISTRIBUTION BY SEX AND RACE
1979 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Number Employed (in 000's)	Number Unemployed (in 000's)	Unemployment Rate	---Percent Distribution of the Employed---				
				Total	White	Black	Male	Female
TOTAL	1,500	81	5.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White-Collar Workers - Total	834	24	2.8	55.6	56.4	43.7	47.2	66.6
Professional and Technical	290	7	2.3	19.3	19.4	16.7	19.3	19.3
Managers and Administrators	163	3	1.7	10.9	11.3	5.3	15.4	5.1
Sales Workers	108	3	2.7	7.2	7.5	3.0	7.0	7.6
Clerical Workers	273	11	3.9	18.2	18.2	18.7	5.6	34.7
Blue-Collar Workers - Total	474	28	5.7	31.6	31.6	30.9	43.1	16.5
Craft and Kindred Workers	215	8	3.4	14.3	14.9	4.8	23.7	2.1
Operatives	178	15	7.7	11.9	11.5	17.9	11.4	12.5
Transp. Equip. Operatives	35	INA	INA	2.3	2.1	4.4	3.6	INA
Nonfarm Laborers	46	3	6.0	3.1	3.1	3.8	4.5	1.4
Service Workers	188	13	6.7	12.5	11.6	25.4	9.1	16.8
Farm Workers	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA

INA - Information not available